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11. (SBU) On July 18, poloff delivered reftel points to Jang Hyun-cheol, Deputy Director of MOFAT's Human Rights and Social Affairs Division. On July 23, Jang replied that, while the ROK agrees with the USG's views concerning the state of democracy in Russia, Venezuela, and Nigeria, the ROK believes that their inclusion in the Community of Democracies Ministerial might encourage positive change in these states. Jang, however, explained that an official decision has yet to be reached. Jang indicated that the ROK has been silent on previous discussions of Taiwan's participation, and will likely remain so on future Taiwan inclusion discussions.

12. (SBU) In the coming days, post will contact MOFAT at a higher level and again urge the ROKG to refrain from breaking the June consensus.
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